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TITLE: Upper Layer Security Based on Lower Layer Keying

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 22, 2007

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2007, concerning the above-identified application and is timely filed within the three month shortened statutory period for a response. This reply is provided in response to the Office Action in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.111. Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections made in the Action and to allow the claims to issue.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include replacement Sheet 1, FIGS. 4, 5 and 6.

A Copy of the Pending Claims begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.